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**Studies on the Average Content of Nucleic Acids in Human Marrow Cells.** By J. N. DAVIDSON, I. LESLIE and J. C. WHITE. (*From the Department of Biochemistry, University of Glasgow, and the Department of Pathology, Postgraduate Medical School of London*)

In extension of previously reported analyses of the deoxyribonucleic acid phosphorus (DNAP) and ribonucleic acid phosphorus (RNAP) content of aspirated human bone marrow (Davidson, Leslie & White, 1947, 1948), we now report a modification involving enumeration of the nucleated cell content of the samples analysed. Results are expressed in terms of DNAP and RNAP per cell (Table 1), and are average values for the growing and adult cell populations of the analysed samples. The recent results of Vendrely & Vendrely (1948, 1949) and of Mirsky & Ris (1949) suggest a striking constancy in the DNAP content of normal cell nuclei from the tissues of any given species, and our figures for DNAP are of the same order as those quoted by the Vendrelys for human liver nuclei.

There is no significant difference between the means for the normal and the leukaemic series, either as a whole, or considering only acute leukaemia prior to therapy.

A small series of 6 cases of iron-deficiency anaemia has not shown significant variation of the mean DNAP and RNAP per cell from normal.

Results obtained from cases of pernicious and other megaloblastic anaemias are shown in Tables 2 and 3.

It must be noted clearly that the group under

therapy cannot be considered as returned to normal, either as regards blood picture, marrow cytology or adequacy of therapy. The significant fall in RNAP from that in the group prior to therapy parallels the general increase in maturity of the marrow under therapy. Cases fully treated and returned to normal are under investigation.

Table 1

*Normal human marrow*

Values of Nucleic Acid Phosphorus (NAP) in  $\mu\text{g.} \times 10^{-7}$  per cell

	DNAP 18 obs. on 16 individuals	RNAP 20 obs. on 18 individuals	Ratio RNAP/ DNAP
Mean	8.54	6.33	0.75
s.e. of obs.	2.89	3.03	0.326
Observed range	4.0-15.0	2.1-13.5	0.43-1.9

*Marrow from cases of leukaemia of various types, before and during therapy*

	28 obs. on 15 cases	24 obs. on 12 cases	
Mean	8.75	7.59	0.90
s.e. of obs.	3.05	3.72	0.30
Observed range	3.9-17.4	2.6-17.4	0.3-1.8

Table 2. *Cases of pernicious anaemia and other megaloblastic anaemias*

NAP in  $\mu\text{g.} \times 10^{-7}$  per cell

Group as a whole		DNAP 28 obs. on 12 cases	RNAP	Ratio DNAP/RNAP 28 obs. on 13 cases
	Mean	12.6	10.9	0.87
	s.e.	4.56	5.03	0.27
	Observed range	6.6-22.8	2.3-25.1	0.35-1.5
Group prior to therapy	Mean	12 obs. on 12 cases 12.57	11 obs. on 11 cases 13.38	12 obs. on 12 cases 1.06
	s.e.	4.17	5.19	0.249
	Observed range	8.1-22.8	7.5-25.1	0.69-1.5
Group during the course of therapy	Mean	17 obs. on 8 cases 12.63	15 obs. on 8 cases 9.09	16 obs. on 9 cases 0.73
	s.e.	4.36	4.21	0.198
	Observed range	6.6-18.8	2.3-17.6	0.35-1.0

Table 3. *t test of significance between means*

	P	DNAP	RNAP	Ratio RNAP/DNAP
Megaloblastic series as a whole compared with normal series	Degrees of freedom	44	44	46
	P	<0.001	<0.001	0.2-0.1
Megaloblastic series before therapy compared with normal	Degrees of freedom	28	29	30
	P	0.01-0.001	<0.001	0.01-0.001
	Degrees of freedom	28	29	30
	P	0.01-0.001	0.05-0.02	0.8-0.7
Megaloblastic series during therapy compared with normal	Degrees of freedom	33	33	34
	P	0.7-0.6	0.05-0.02	<0.001
	Degrees of freedom	27	24	26
	P	Not significant	Significant	Highly significant

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**Fluoroacetate Poisoning and 'Jamming' of the Tricarboxylic Acid Cycle; Mode of Action of an 'Active' Fluoro Compound Synthesized via this Cycle. By P. BUFFA, W. D. LOTSPEICH, R. A. PETERS and R. W. WAKELIN. (Department of Biochemistry, University of Oxford)**

So far no isolated enzyme has been inhibited by fluoroacetate. The hypothesis has been advanced by Liébecq & Peters (1949) (see also Martius, 1949) that the inhibition of citrate oxidation, occurring also *in vivo* (Buffa & Peters, 1949), is due to the 'jamming' effect of an enzymically synthesized fluoro-tricarboxylic acid in the Krebs tricarboxylic acid cycle. In support of this hypothesis, Buffa, Peters & Wakelin (1950) have isolated, from guinea-pig kidney homogenates treated with fluoroacetate, a tricarboxylic fraction, which is 'active' in preventing disappearance of added citrate. This active fraction is mainly citrate; it contains no fluoroacetate, but there is present a small amount of a F-compound which is chromatographically inseparable from the tricarboxylic acids.

We have tried to find the exact point of inhibition in the enzymes of the tricarboxylic acid cycle by determining the effect of the 'active' fractions upon aconitase (Johnson, 1939), isocitric dehydrogenase (Adler, Euler, Günther & Plass, 1939) and oxalosuccinic decarboxylase (Ochoa & Weiss-Tabori, 1948), obtained from rat and pig heart tissue. Tables 1, 2 and 3 show that the results were negative, even when amounts of 'active' fraction were used 80 times larger than those inhibiting citrate disappearance in the kidney homogenates.

All the evidence from experiments *in vivo* and *in vitro* (? mitochondrial homogenates) points to inhibition by the 'active' compound at either the

Table 1. Rat heart aconitase

Time (min.)	...	Citric acid (μmol.)	
		0	60
Additions:			
	<i>cis</i> -Aconitate (5 μmol.)	0.21	3.90
	<i>cis</i> -Aconitate + 'active' fraction	0.08	3.96
	Citrate (5 μmol.)	4.90	4.34
	Citrate + 'active' fraction	5.27	4.38

Table 2. Pig heart isocitric dehydrogenase

	$E_{340\text{ m}\mu}$ (max. value)
DL-isocitrate only	0.076-0.065
Same + 'active' fraction	0.075
Same + <i>p</i> -chloromercuribenzoic acid $1.33 \times 10^{-3}\text{ M}$	0.004

Table 3. Pig heart oxalosuccinic decarboxylase  
(CO<sub>2</sub> evolution from 10 μmol. oxalosuccinate in 30 min. at 13.5° C. Net values)

	CO <sub>2</sub> (μl.)
Enzyme alone	83
Enzyme + 'active' fraction	76
Enzyme + DL-isocitrate (control)	14

aconitase or isocitric dehydrogenase stage. Hence, we are led to the conclusion that the complete system has properties not present in its isolated enzyme components. Whether these be due to factors of organization or to missing components must be decided by further work.

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## Appendix

## Nucleic Acids

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## Content and Distribution

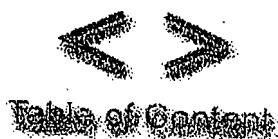
## Nucleic acids in an average human cell

DNA	
Coding sequences	~6 pg/cella
Number of genes	3% of genomic DNA
Active genes	$0.51.0 \times 10^5$
	$1.5 \times 10^4$
Total RNA	
rRNAs	~10 50 pg/cellb
tRNAs, snRNAs, and low mol. wt. RNA	80 85% of total RNA
mRNAs	15 20% of total RNA
nuclear RNA	1 5% of total RNA
	~14% of total RNA
Ratio of DNA:RNA in nucleus	~2:1
Number of mRNA moleculesc	$0.2 \ 1.0 \times 10^6$
Number of different mRNA species	
Low abundance mRNA (5 15 copies/cell)	$1.0 \ 3.4 \times 10^4$
Intermediate abundance mRNA (200 400 copies/cell)	11,000 different messages
High abundance mRNA (12,000 copies/cell)	500 different messages
	<10 different messages
Abundance of each message for:	
Low abundance mRNA (5 15 copies/cell)	<0.004% of total mRNA
Intermediate abundance mRNA (200 400 copies/cell)	<0.1% of total mRNA
High abundance mRNA (12,000 copies/cell)	3% of total mRNA

- a 30 – 60 µg/ml blood for human leukocytes.  
b 1 – 5 µg/ml blood for human leukocytes.  
c Average size of mRNA molecule = 1930 bases.

## RNA content of cells in culture

Type of cell	Total RNA (mRNA (µg/107 cells))	mRNA (µg/107 cells)
NIH/3T3 cells	75 200	1.5 4.0
HeLa cells	100 300	2 6
CHO cells	200 400	3 6



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## • I. Conversiontable

Molecular weight (daltons)	1µg	1nmole
100	10 nmoles or $6 \times 10^{15}$ molecules	0.1 µg
1,000	1 nmole or $6 \times 10^{14}$ molecules	1 µg
10,000	100 pmoles or $6 \times 10^{13}$ molecules	10 µg
20,000	50 pmoles or $3 \times 10^{13}$ molecules	20 µg
30,000	33 pmoles or $2 \times 10^{13}$ molecules	30 µg
40,000	25 pmoles or $1.5 \times 10^{13}$ molecules	40 µg
50,000	20 pmoles or $1.2 \times 10^{13}$ molecules	50 µg
60,000	17 pmoles or $10^{13}$ molecules	60 µg
70,000	14 pmoles or $8.6 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	70 µg
80,000	12 pmoles or $7.5 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	80 µg
90,000	11 pmoles or $6.6 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	90 µg
100,000	10 pmoles or $6 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	100 µg
120,000	8.3 pmoles or $5 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	120 µg
140,000	7.1 pmoles or $4.3 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	140 µg
160,000	6.3 pmoles or $3.8 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	160 µg
180,000	5.6 pmoles or $3.3 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	180 µg
200,000	5 pmoles or $3 \times 10^{12}$ molecules	200 µg

## II. Some useful nucleotide dimensions

1 cm of DNA  $\sim 3 \times 10^6$  nucleotides

Organism	Base pairs/ haploid genome	Base pairs/ diploid genome	Length/cell	Mass

Human	$3 \times 10^9$	$6 \times 10^9$	2 meters (diploid)	6 pg
Fly	$1.65 \times 10^8$	$3.3 \times 10^8$	100 cm (diploid)	0.3 pg
Yeast	$1.35 \times 10^7$	$2.7 \times 10^7$	10 cm (diploid)	0.03 pg
<i>E. coli</i>	$4.7 \times 10^6$	-	1.5 cm (diploid)	0.0045 pg
SV40	$5 \times 10^3$	-	1.7 nm	0.000006 pg

### III. Some useful cell dimensions

Organism	Dimensions	Volume
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	5 $\mu\text{m}$	66 $\mu\text{m}^3$
<i>S. pombe</i>	2 x 7 $\mu\text{m}$	22 $\mu\text{m}^3$
Mammalian cell	10-20 $\mu\text{m}$	500-4,000 $\mu\text{m}^3$
<i>E. coli</i>	1 x 3 $\mu\text{m}$	2 $\mu\text{m}^3$
Mammalian mitochondrion	1 $\mu\text{m}$	0.5 $\mu\text{m}^3$
Mammalian nucleus	5-10 $\mu\text{m}$	66-500 $\mu\text{m}^3$
Plant chloroplast	1 x 4 $\mu\text{m}$	3 $\mu\text{m}^3$
Bacteriophage lambda	50 nm (head only)	6.6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> $\mu\text{m}^3$
Ribosome	30 nm diameter	1.4 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> $\mu\text{m}^3$
Globular monomeric protein	5 nm diameter	6.6 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> $\mu\text{m}^3$

### III. Some useful concentrations

Total cell protein concentration Detergent soluble protein = 1-2 mg/ 10<sup>7</sup> mammalian cells or 100-200 mg/ ml for soluble proteins only

#### Specific protein concentrations

Nucleus (200  $\mu\text{m}^3$ ):

Abundant

transcription

factor

Rare transcription factor

1 nM (100,000 copies/ nucleus)

10 pM (1,000 copies/ nucleus)

Serum

50-100 mg/ ml

### IV. Some useful Conversiontables

#### Molar conversions for protein

100 pmol	$\mu\text{g}$
10,000 Da protein	1

100,000 Da protein	10
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**Protein/ DNA conversions**

1 kb of DNA encodes 333 amino acids  $\approx 3.7 \times 10^4$  Da

Protein	DNA
10,000 Da	270 dp
30,000 Da	810 dp
100,000 Da	2,7 dp

**Nucleic acid content of a typical human cell**

DNA per cell	$\sim 6$ pg
Total RNA per cell	$\sim 10$ -30 pg
Proportion of total RNA in nucleus	$\sim 14\%$
DNA:RNA in nucleus	$\sim 2:1$
Human genome size (haploid)	$3.3 \times 10^9$ bp
Coding sequences/ genomic DNA	3%
Number of genes	$0.5$ - $1 \times 10^5$
Active genes	$1.5 \times 10^4$
mRNA molecules	$2 \times 10^5$ - $1 \times 10^6$
Typical mRNA size	1900 nt

**RNA distribution in a typical mammalian cell**

RNA species	Relative amount
rRNA (28S, 18S, 5S)	80-85%
tRNAs, snRNAs, low MW species	15-20%
mRNAs	1-5%

**RNA content in various cells and tissues**

Source		Total RNA	mRNA ( $\mu$ g)
Cell cultures ( $10^7$ cells)		30-500	0.3-25
	NIH/3T3	120	3
	HeLa	150	3
	COS-7	350	5
Mouse-developmental stages (per organism)			
	Unfertilized egg	0.43 ng	nd
	Oocyte	0.35 ng	nd

	2-cell	0.24 ng	nd
	8-16-cell	0.69 ng	nd
	32-cell	1.47 ng	nd
	13-day-old-embryo	450	13
<b>Mouse tissue (100 mg)</b>			
	Brain	120	5
	Heart	120	6
	Intestine	150	2
	Kidney	350	9
	Liver	400	14
	Lung	130	6
	Spleen	350	7

nd = not determined

#### Human blood\*: cell, DNA, RNA, and protein content

	<b>Leukocytes</b>	<b>Thrombocytes</b>	<b>Erythrocytes</b>
<b>Function</b>	Immune response	Wound closing	O <sub>2</sub> & CO <sub>2</sub> transport
<b>Cells per ml</b>	4-7 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	3-4 x 10 <sup>8</sup>	5 x 10 <sup>9</sup>
<b>DNA content</b>	30-60 µg/ ml blood (6 pg/cell)		
<b>RNA content</b>	1-5 µg/ ml blood		
<b>Hemoglobin content</b>			~150 mg/ ml blood (30 pg/cell)
<b>Plasma protein content</b>		60-80 mg/ ml	

\*From a healthy individual. The leukocyte concentration can vary from 2 x 10<sup>6</sup> per ml in cases of immunosuppression, to 40 x 10<sup>6</sup> during inflammation, to 500 x 10<sup>6</sup> during leukemia. The DNA and RNA content will vary accordingly.

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